

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, every child deserves the chance to live and grow in a loving, caring and supportive home; and

WHEREAS, more than 400 children in South Carolina are awaiting identification of families to provide the stable and nurturing environments they need to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, many of these children have special needs, including physical, mental, or emotional disabilities, age, or a necessity to be placed as a sibling group, that complicate placement in a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, families able and willing to adopt children with special needs are at the forefront of fulfilling our responsibility to one of our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 observance of Adoption Awareness Month honors adoptive families for their positive contributions to the well-being of our children and our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2006 as

### ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to consider becoming adoptive parents for the future well-being of the many children waiting for permanent families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA